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The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk / Executive Director Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Smart \$aver Solar

as Energy Efficiency Program

Docket No. 2021-____-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing, please find Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's (the "Company") Application for Approval of the Smart \$aver Solar as Energy Efficiency Program to be included as part of its suite of energy efficiency and demand-side management programs effective beginning January 1, 2022. The Company is seeking approval of its Application without pre-filed testimony or a hearing because the proposed program and associated tariff do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return. In the event the Commission determines that a hearing is necessary, the Companies request a Hearing Officer be appointed to hold a scheduling conference with counsel.

The Company is also including with this filing a proposed notice of the Application and respectfully requests it be given 65 days from the Clerk's issuance of the Notice to provide the Notice to its affected customers.

Kind regards,

Sam Wellborn

Enclosures

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